

PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No: Q80857

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For: PALLADIUM, TUNGSTEN AND ZIRCONIUM-BASED CATALYST FOR
PRODUCTION OF OXYGEN-CONTAINING COMPOUND, PRODUCTION PROCESS
OF THE CATALYST, AND PRODUCTION PROCESS OF OXYGEN-CONTAINING
COMPOUND USING THE CATALYST

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the

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mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: The following documents are cited and discussed in the specification at the pages indicated below, which constitutes a concise statement of the relevance of these documents:

Cited Document	Page in Specification
FR 1,448,361	1
JP 47-013221	1 and 2
JP 51 029425	1 and 2
JP 46-006763	2
JP 54-57488	2
JP 7-89896	2
JP 9-67298	2
WO 98/47850	4

In addition, the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form lists corresponding English-language documents for a number of the above documents, and the attached English-language abstract for JP 9-67298 constitutes a further concise statement of relevance for this document.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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